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The Washington metro area defined as the District of Columbia, Prince George's and Montgomery counties in the state of Maryland and Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church, and Loudoun Counties in the commonwealth of Virginia.

NOTE: Trend references from previous polls are based on the current area definition.

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*= less than 0.5 percent



1. In general, when getting places you need to go in the area where you live, how often do you travel by car - nearly all the time, most of the time, some of the time or hardly ever?

	Nearly all the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Hardly ever	Never (vol.)	No op.
6/23/13	59	19	11	8	3	*
3/29/10	59	18	13	7	3	0
1/31/05	65	20	9	6	*	*

2. (AMONG THOSE WHO TRAVEL BY CAR AT ALL) Thinking about the trips you make on an average weekday, about how much time do you spend in the car: less than 30 minutes, 30 minutes to an hour, one to two hours, or more than two hours?

	<30 minutes	30 min- 1 hour	1 hour- 2 hours	More than 2 hours	Never drive (vol.)	No opin.
6/23/13	28	32	21	18	0	1
3/29/10	26	33	28	13	0	1
1/31/05*	20	33	25	19	3	0

*Wording: "...how much time do you spend driving..."

3. How often do you, yourself, get stuck in traffic jams - every day, several times a week, several times a month, a few times a year, or never?

	Every day	Several times/week	Several times/month	Few times/year	Never	No opin.
6/23/13	20	26	24	16	13	1
3/29/10	18	29	26	16	11	1
1/31/05	29	28	21	11	10	*

4. At present, are you yourself employed part-time or full-time, or are you retired or something else?

	Employed part-time	Employed full-time	Retired	Something else	No opin.
6/23/13	13	55	17	14	*
3/29/10	18	52	17	14	*

5. (AMONG EMPLOYED) Are you yourself employed outside the home, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/23/13	94	6	*
3/29/10	94	6	*

Employed outside the home, among all respondents:

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/23/13	64	35	*
3/29/10	65	35	*
1/31/05	69	31	0

6. (AMONG COMMUTERS) How do you usually get to work - do you drive alone, drive or ride with someone else, take a bus, take the Metrorail subway system, take other public transportation, ride a bike, walk or what? IF MORE THAN ONE: Which do you consider to be the PRIMARY way you get to work?)

	6/23/13	3/29/10*	1/31/05
Drive alone	67	65	70
Take the Metrorail subway system	11	13	14
Drive or ride with someone else	8	8	7
Take a bus	4	5	3
Walk	3	3	*
Take other public transportation	1	2	1
Bicycle	1	*	NA
Other (vol.)	1	1	*
More than one of the above (vol.)	4	2	4
No opinion	0	*	0

*3/29/10: bicycle a volunteered category.

7. (AMONG COMMUTERS WHO DO NOT TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) Which comes closer to your own situation: (It is possible for me to take public transportation from home to work, but for various reasons I usually don't) or (It is not possible for me to get from home to work using public transportation)?

	Possible	Not possible	Do not take public transportation (vol.)	No opinion
6/23/13	51	44	3	2
3/29/10	52	43	3	1
1/31/05	40	56	3	1

8. (AMONG COMMUTERS) Do you work in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia?

	Md.	Va.	D.C.	Else (vol.)	No opin.
6/23/13	30	36	31	3	0

3/29/10	29	39	29	2	*
1/31/05	30	35	33	1	*

9. (AMONG COMMUTERS) How many minutes does it usually take you to commute from home to work?

	Less than thirty	30-<60	60+	No opin. Depends	Average minutes
6/23/13	44	39	17	1	33.9
3/29/10	39	44	16	*	35.0
1/31/05	38	44	18	*	38.6

10. (AMONG COMMUTERS) Before you start your commute to work, do you look for information about what is going on with the roads or Metro, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/23/13	43	57	0

11. (AMONG THOSE WHO CHECK COMMUTE) What's your main source for information about your commute - is it (TV), (a newspaper), (radio), (a media website), (a blog) or what?

	TV	Newspaper	Radio	Media website	Blog	Something else	No opinion
6/23/13	30	1	40	12	2	15	0

12. (AMONG COMMUTERS) Do you ever use any smartphone applications to check on the status of your commute, or not? If you don't have a smartphone, just tell me. IF YES: is that every day, most days, just some days or only every now and then?

	Every day	Most days	Some days	Every now and then	Do not check	No smartphone	No opinion
6/23/13	10	5	10	8	52	14	0

13. (AMONG THOSE WHO COMMUTE BY CAR OR BUS) Just your best guess, on AVERAGE how much time do you think traffic congestion adds to your daily commute? That is, how many more minutes do you spend driving one way, compared to what it would be with no traffic?

	5 or less	6-14	15-29	30+	No opinion	Average minutes
6/23/13	21	17	32	25	5	19.5
3/29/10	17	21	35	23	4	20.4
1/31/05	19	21	30	28	2	22.1

14. (AMONG COMMUTERS) How often, if ever, do you telecommute: every day, several times a week, once a week, several times a month, less often than that or never?

	Every day	Several times a week	Once a week	Several times a month	Less often than that	Never	No op.
6/23/13	5	10	5	8	13	55	4
3/29/10*	1	4	6	8	9	72	*

*3/29/10 asked as separate questions.

15. (AMONG THOSE WHO EVER TELECOMMUTE) In deciding to telecommute, how important a factor is how long it takes to get to and from work - the single most important factor, one of several important factors, but not the most important; or not a factor you?

	Single most important	One of several impt. factors	Not a factor	No opin.
6/23/13	20	43	36	1
3/29/10	13	40	47	0

16. (AMONG EMPLOYED) In general, do you think people who work at home using their computers to connect to their business offices are more productive, less productive, or just as productive as people who work in a business office?

	More productive	Less productive	Just as productive	No opinion	
6/23/13	22	23	48	7	
Compare to:					
9/16/12	25	19	50	5	DC metro among telecommuters
8/10/06	20	18	55	7	Gallup national

17. (AMONG TELECOMMUTERS) How about you, when you work from home are you generally more productive, less productive, or just as productive as when you work in the office?

	More productive	Less productive	Just as productive	No opinion
6/23/13	38	22	36	4
9/16/12	37	17	46	*

18. I would like you to rate some types of public transportation available in some parts of the greater Washington area. If you have NEVER USED this type of public transportation, just tell me and I will move on. The first is (READ ITEM). Generally speaking, how would you rate (ITEM): Excellent, good, not-so-good or poor?

How about (NEXT ITEM)? IF NEEDED: Generally speaking, how would you rate (NEXT ITEM): Excellent, good, not-so-good or poor?

Summary table - 6/23/13

	---Positive---			----Negative-----			Never use	No op.
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor		
a. The Metrorail subway system	71	15	56	16	12	3	13	1
b. The Metro bus system	44	6	37	11	9	2	44	1
c. Local bus service operated by your county or city	35	8	26	10	7	3	54	1

Trend:

a. The Metrorail subway system

	---Positive---			----Negative-----			Never use	No op.
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor		
6/23/13	71	15	56	16	12	3	13	1

3/29/10	70	14	56	17	13	4	12	1
1/31/05	75	25	50	12	9	3	12	*
6/23/13 Users	79	13	67	20	16	4	NA	*
3/29/10 Users	80	16	64	19	15	4	NA	1
1/31/05 Users	86	29	57	14	11	3	NA	*

b. The Metro bus system

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			Never use	No op.
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor		
6/23/13	44	6	37	11	9	2	44	1
3/29/10	42	4	37	16	12	4	41	2
1/31/05	46	7	39	15	11	5	39	1
6/23/13 Users	77	15	62	20	18	2	NA	3
3/29/10 Users	70	7	63	26	19	7	NA	3
1/31/05 Users	75	11	64	25	17	7	NA	1

c. Local bus service operated by your county or city

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			Never use	No op.
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor		
6/23/13	35	8	26	10	7	3	54	1
3/29/10	34	7	27	14	10	4	50	2
1/31/05	33	4	28	11	8	3	55	1
6/23/13 Users	76	18	57	21	15	7	NA	3
3/29/10 Users	68	13	55	28	20	9	NA	4
1/31/05 Users	74	10	64	25	18	6	NA	2

19. Now I'd like you to think specifically about the Metrorail subway system. Do you ride the Metro very often, fairly often, sometimes, or rarely?

	----- Often -----			----- Not often -----			Never (vol.)	No opin.
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Sometimes	Rarely		
6/23/13	21	14	7	79	26	37	15	*
3/29/10	23	15	8	77	30	33	14	0
1/31/05	25	16	9	75	26	35	14	0

20. (AMONG COMMUTERS) How often do you take the Metro to commute to work: Very often, fairly often, sometimes, or never?

	----- Often -----			----- Not often -----			No opin.
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Sometimes	Never	
6/23/13	19	17	3	81	15	66	0
3/29/10	20	16	4	80	17	63	0
1/31/05	24	19	5	76	15	62	0

21. (AMONG THOSE WHO REPORT EVER USING METRORAIL) In terms of (ITEM), would you rate the Metro as excellent, good, not-so-good or poor?

Summary table - 6/23/13

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No op.
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	
a. Reliability	73	15	57	25	20	5	2
b. Comfort	80	13	67	19	14	4	1

c. Being a good value	67	14	53	31	24	7	2
d. Going to the places that you want to go	78	20	58	21	16	5	1
e. Convenience to your home	66	23	43	33	23	10	1
f. (AMONG COMMUTERS) Convenience to your work	50	22	28	45	24	21	5
g. Safety	81	17	64	17	14	3	2
h. Hours of operation	81	23	59	17	13	4	2

Trend where available:

a. Reliability

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	73	15	57	25	20	5	2
3/29/10	75	14	61	23	18	5	2
1/31/05	87	19	68	12	8	3	1

b. Comfort

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	80	13	67	19	14	4	1
3/29/10	78	14	64	20	16	4	2
1/31/05	83	16	68	16	12	4	*

c. Being a good value

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	67	14	53	31	24	7	2
3/29/10	72	14	59	26	18	8	2
1/31/05	75	16	59	24	19	5	2

d. Going to the places that you want to go

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	78	20	58	21	16	5	1
3/29/10	78	18	59	20	14	6	2
1/31/05	77	18	59	22	18	4	1

e. Convenience to your home

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	66	23	43	33	23	10	1
3/29/10	64	23	42	34	19	15	1
1/31/05	63	21	42	37	23	14	*

f. (AMONG COMMUTERS) Convenience to your work

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	50	22	28	45	24	21	5
3/29/10	51	23	28	43	18	24	7
1/31/05	52	21	31	43	19	24	5

g. Safety

	---Positive----			----Negative-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
6/23/13	81	17	64	17	14	3	2
3/29/10	67	12	54	31	23	8	3

h. No trend

22. (AMONG THOSE WHO ARE NOT REGULAR METRO RIDERS) Here are reasons some people give for not riding Metro more often. For each, tell me if this is a big reason, a small reason or not a reason why you, personally, do not ride Metro more often.

Summary table - 6/23/13

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
a. I live too far away from a Metro station	49	34	16	50	1
b. It is too hard to find parking near the Metro	44	21	23	53	2
c. It is too expensive	44	20	24	54	2
d. It takes too long to get where I want to go	53	31	23	45	1
e. It does not go where I want to go	52	29	23	46	2
f. I prefer driving	67	48	18	32	1
g. The trains are too crowded	42	17	25	56	2
h. (AMONG COMMUTERS) I work too far away from a Metro station	58	48	10	42	1
i. The system is unsafe	24	9	15	73	2
j. Hours of operation	31	11	21	67	2

Trend where available:

a. I live too far away from a Metro station

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	49	34	15	50	1
3/29/10	49	35	14	49	2
1/31/05	48	32	16	52	*

b. It is too hard to find parking near the Metro

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	44	21	23	53	2
3/29/10	43	30	14	53	3
1/31/05	47	32	15	50	3

c. It is too expensive

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	44	20	24	54	2
3/29/10	36	16	20	62	3

1/31/05 33 9 23 66 2

d. It takes too long to get where I want to go

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	53	31	23	45	1
3/29/10	46	24	22	51	3
1/31/05	52	30	21	47	1

e. It does not go where I want to go

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	52	29	23	46	2
3/29/10	51	31	19	46	3
1/31/05	58	37	20	41	2

f. I prefer driving

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	67	48	18	32	1
3/29/10	62	43	20	36	2
1/31/05	67	46	21	32	*

g. The trains are too crowded

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	42	17	25	56	2
3/29/10	39	16	23	58	3
1/31/05	33	15	19	62	4

h. (AMONG COMMUTERS) I work too far away from a Metro station

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	58	48	10	42	1
3/29/10	56	45	11	43	1
1/31/05	59	47	12	41	*

i. The system is unsafe

	NET	Reason Big	Small	Not a reason	No opin.
6/23/13	24	9	15	73	2
3/29/10	29	10	19	68	3

j. No trend

23. (AMONG THOSE WHO EVER USE METROBUS) Now I'd like you to think specifically about the METROBUS system. Do you ride Metro BUSES very often, fairly often, sometimes, or rarely?

	NET	Often Very	Fairly	NET	Not often Sometimes	Rarely	Never (vol.)	No opinion
6/23/13	18	13	5	82	19	54	9	0

3/29/10	20	14	6	80	21	49	10	*
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24. Changing topics, in general, do you think government efforts to reduce traffic congestion in the Washington region should be focused more on expanding and building roads, or on providing more public transportation options, such as trains or buses?

	Focus on roads	Provide more options	No opinion
6/23/13	34	60	7
3/29/10	30	62	8

Compare to: In general, do you think government efforts to reduce traffic congestion in Maryland should be focused more on expanding and building roads, or on providing more public transportation options, such as trains or buses?

	Focus on roads	Provide more options	No opinion
10/22/98 MD	41	51	7

Question 25 held for release.

26. As you may know, parts of the 495 Beltway now charge adjustable tolls to try to spread out the flow of traffic - higher tolls at times of day when traffic is heavy, and lower tolls at times of day when traffic is light. Is that something you support or oppose?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
6/23/13	62	26	35	32	15	17	6
3/29/10*	53	25	28	41	14	27	6
1/31/05	52	NA	NA	46	NA	NA	2

*2010 and 2005: "Another plan is to charge adjustable tolls on toll roads to try to spread out the flow of traffic - higher tolls at times of day when traffic is heavy, and lower tolls at times of day when traffic is light. Is that something you support or oppose?"

27. Have you traveled on these special lanes on the Beltway, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/23/13	35	64	*

28. (AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE USED TOLL LANES) Do you think it is worth the extra expense to use the toll lane, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/23/13	69	26	4

29. Have you traveled on the new Inter County Connector or ICC which connects Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/23/13	26	73	1

Question 30-35 held for release.

36. Do you approve or disapprove of Washington D.C.'s effort to increase the number of bicycle lanes on major roads?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
6/23/13	66	42	24	26	8	18	7
3/29/10*	65	42	23	24	10	14	10

*Among those who live or work in D.C.

37. Do you think the local government in your area is doing too (much) to accommodate bikers, too (little) or is it about right?

	Too much	Too little	About right	No opin.
6/23/13	10	28	54	9
3/29/10*	6	33	54	8

*"walkers and bikers"

Questions 38-42 held for release.

43. (AMONG THOSE WHO USE METRORAIL) Now thinking about Metrorail, which line do you use most often - (Red), (Blue), (Orange), (Yellow) or (Green)?

	Red	Blue	Orange	Yellow	Green	No opinion
6/23/13	34	13	28	6	13	7
3/29/10	35	14	26	6	13	7

Questions 44-47 held for release.

48. In general, would you describe yourself as an avid sports fan, a regular fan, a casual fan or not a fan at all?

	----- Sports fan -----				Not a fan	No
	NET	Avid	Regular	Casual	at all	opinion
6/23/13	76	24	21	30	24	*
9/16/12	79	19	24	36	20	0
8/29/11	82	18	27	38	18	0

49. Thinking about Washington's professional sports teams, overall would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or strongly unfavorable impression of (INSERT), or do you not know enough about this team to say?

a. The Washington Redskins

	----- Favorable -----			--- Unfavorable ---			Don't know	No
	NET	Strgly.	Smwh.	NET	Smwh.	Stgly.	abt.team	opinion
6/23/13	57	30	26	21	10	11	21	1

Among sports fans:

6/23/13	66	38	29	23	11	13	10	*
9/16/12	61	32	29	22	13	10	16	*
8/29/11	56	25	31	34	20	14	9	*

b. Held for release.

50. Regardless of how you think about the Washington Redskins as a team, which of the following best describes how you feel about the name REDSKINS - do you love it, like it, dislike it, or hate it?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			(Vol.)	No
	NET	Love it	Like it	NET	Dislike it	Hate it	Mixed feelings	opin.
6/23/13	61	25	36	25	16	9	3	11

Among Redskins fans*:

6/23/13	81	51	31	11	7	5	3	5
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*Avid/Regular sports fans favorable toward Washington Redskins:

51. Some people say the name REDSKINS is offensive to Native American Indians and the team should change its name. Others say the name is not intended to be offensive, and should not be changed. What about you: Should the Redskins change their team name, or not?

	-- Change name --			-- Don't change --			(VOL) Only if other	No
	NET	Strg.	Smwht.	NET	Smwht.	Strg.	offensive team names change	op.
6/23/13	28	18	10	66	16	50	*	6

Among Redskins fans:

6/23/13	18	11	7	79	16	63	*	3
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Compare to national:

Some people say that the Washington Redskins should change its team name because it is offensive to Native American Indians. Others say the name is not intended to be offensive, and should not be changed. What about you: should the Redskins change their team name, or not?

	Change team name	Don't change team name	(VOL) Only if other offensive team names change	No opinion
4/15/13*	11	79	*	10
1/15/92**	7	89	1	3

*AP/Gfk

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52. (AMONG THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO CHANGE NAME) Do you personally feel the word "Redskin" is an appropriate or inappropriate way to describe a Native American Indian? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Appropriate -----			----- Inappropriate -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
6/23/13	28	16	11	56	22	35	16

Among Redskins fans who do not want to change name:

6/23/13	38	23	15	53	20	33	9
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53. If the Redskins did change the team name, do you think you would be more of a fan of the team, less of a fan or wouldn't it make much difference?

	More of a fan	Less of a fan	Wouldn't make much difference	No opinion
6/23/13	6	10	82	2

Among Redskins fans:

6/23/13 4 13 81 2

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